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SUBJ: SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION

1. WELL- INFORMED JEWISH SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF FEBRUARY 26 THAT OVER LAST TWO WEEKS ABOUT THIRTY MOSCOW JEWS HAD BEEN REFUSED EXIT PERMISSION FOR ISRAEL. IN LAST WEEK TELEPHONES OF NINE JEWS HAVE BEEN DISCONNECTED, LEAVING ONLY FEW ACTIVISTS WITH ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH WESTERN SUPPORTERS.

2. SOURCE SAID CURRENT REFUSALS NOTEWORTHY IN THAT APPLICANTS WERE OF TYPE NOT NORMALLY REFUSED. ONLY ACTIVISTS TO RECEIVE EXIT PERMISSION RECENTLY ARE FILM DIRECTOR VENIAMIN GOROKHOV AND WIFE SOFIA.

3. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, REFUSALS NOT NECESSARILY BAD SIGN. CURRENT THINKING AMONG SOME JEWISH ACTIVISTS IS THAT AUTHORITIES NOW FORMING GOOD SIZED GROUP OF JEWS, SOME OF WHOM PROMINENT, WHO WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE AT PROPITIOUS TIME, I.E. KISSINGER OR NIXON VISIT, OR WHEN MGN/CREDITS DEBATE RENEWED (SEE ALSO MOSCOW 1824, PARA 5).

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5. SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT HUNGER STRIKE BY ACTIVISTS AZBEL, GALATSKY AND RUBIN NOW IN TWELFTH DAY, WITH PARTICIPANTS IN REASONABLY GOOD SHAPE AND SHOWING NO SIGNS OF QUITTING UNTIL THEY GET SOME WORD FROM AUTHORITIES ON THEIR CASES. MRS. IDA NUDEL (CONGRESSMAN FRENZEL INTERESTED) HAS ALSO RECENTLY BEGUN HUNGER STRIKE FOR SAME PURPOSE.
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